

I am writing to express my dismay that Sinclair Broadcasting is using the public airwaves for a partisan political act. Sinclair is requiring their local stations to air an anti-Kerry smear documentary in the heat of a closely contested and critical election. As I understand, the charges raised in the documentary are highly controversial and poorly substantiated - making the claim that this piece is "journalism" hard to defend.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision does not serve the public interest. Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by LAW to serve the public interest. This situation is an excellent example of the dangers of media conglomeration and corporate control of our media. If a single station, or a company with 2 or 3 stations, made a similar decision, the impact on our public discourse would be minimal (although I believe the decision would still be wrong).

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. We must

work to have media
with diverse
viewpoints and
accountability to
our communities.
Thank you very much
for listening to my
concerns.

Sincerely,
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